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BLOOMFIELD FALLS IN LINE TO THE CALL.

Every week in Religious Circles - The Evangelical Meetings Very Successful - The Day of Prayer Faithfully served - The Programme for Tomorrow's Meetings.

The union evangelistic meetings under auspices of the Essex County Christian Endeavor Union were opened with enthusiasm in this town last Sunday evening, when it is estimated that an audience of 1,200 people gathered in the old First Church. A broad platform had been erected in front of the church and was supplied by a choir of nearly one hundred singers, led by Mr. Birkholz. The choir had sung a few times, C. A. Cook spoke a few words in or to the union meetings. Rev. F. C. Ottman delivered a sermon, the main theme of which was Christian activity and prayerfulness. On the platform Mr. Ottman was the Rev. Mr. Morris, the Rev. Mr. Selbert, the Rev. Mr. Cook, the Rev. Mr. Paul, and the Rev. Mr. Goodwin. The general meeting



Rev. Ford C. Ottman.

was followed by a prayer-meeting in Sunday-school room, which was also largely attended. There was a falling off in the attendance at the Monday night meeting, owing to the bad weather that prevailed. The preliminary service of song the Rev. Dr. Ballantine opened the meeting with a fervent prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Ottman preached from the twenty-seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the subject was, "Drifting from God," the appeal at the conclusion of the service several hands were raised in response to prayer.

There was a good attendance at the Tuesday afternoon meetings particularly the Rev. Mr. Ottman's Bible readings. These readings have been a source of blessing to many. Mr. Ottman's explanation of scripture is intensely practical and his knowledge of the Bible is a revelation to those who have enjoyed his soundings of the words of the book.

The flood tide began to set in at the singing meeting on Tuesday. The First Church was well filled, and the opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Goodwin of the Glen Ridge Church. Mr. Ottman preached on the subject of "Friendship of Christ." Many requests for prayers were sent in.

Growing interests in the meetings were reflected on Wednesday by an increased attendance at all services. The men's prayer meeting in the afternoon was very well attended, and an enthusiastic spiritual animation pervaded the gathering and many earnest prayers were made several women.

The Bible reading by Mr. Ottman following the prayer meeting was also well attended. The Old Church was crowded at the singing meeting and it was one of the best since the large Sunday evening singing. L. D. H. Gilmore was present and led the singing.

The Mr. Birkholz sang two solos that were productive of marked effect. The Rev. Mr. Ottman preached from text, "If it be Thine Bid Me Come to Thee," Matthew, 14th chapter, 28th verse. Faith was his topic. At the conclusion of the sermon a number of hands were raised for prayers. The prayer meeting in the Sunday-school room after service, was also very largely attended.

At the Wednesday evening meeting the following inscription was distributed.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world and died to save sinners. I desire to be saved, and henceforth follow a Christian life. I ask the people of God to pray for me.

The object of these cards is that those who sign them may be looked after by a pastor for whom a preference is expressed and the signer invited into the church.

Thursday, the day set apart as a day of prayer, was a beautiful day and largely served in spirit by the Christian people of the town. The parlor prayer meetings, the young people's prayer meetings, the women's prayer meetings, and the singing services, were all well attended. The exercises of the day opened with

parlor prayer meetings at the residences of the following persons: The Rev. G. A. Paul, Mr. J. B. Maxfield, the Rev. Chas. A. Cook, Mr. John Riebach, the Rev. Frank J. Goodwin, Mr. C. C. Dawkins, Mr. H. B. Sheldon, Mr. James M. Speers, Mr. James P. Jones, Mrs. Edwin Kastenhuber, Mr. Geo. Riker; followed by young people's prayer meetings in all the Evangelical Churches which were all well attended. There was also a very large attendance at the eleven o'clock preaching service in the First Presbyterian Church, at which the Rev. Mr. Ottman preached.

The lecture room of the Park M. E. Church was crowded at the women's prayer meeting in the afternoon. At Mr. Ottman's Bible reading in same church the ushers had to place extra seats in the aisles to accommodate the large throng in attendance, and at the evening service in the Old Church there was another large gathering exceeding in numbers that of Wednesday night. Mr. Birkholz led the service of song, and sang two solos. The Rev. Dr. Ballantine offered prayer and Mr. Ottman preached dividing his discourse in two parts. The subject of the first part was the story of Naaman the Leper, and the second part of the well known text from the book of Revelations, "Whosoever Will May Come." The Sunday-school room was again filled at the inquiry meeting that followed the regular service.

The service for the week closed last night, and there will be no services to-day. Tomorrow services will all be in the line of the work of the past week. There will be a young people's service in the First Church at four o'clock in the afternoon. In the evening Mr. Ottman will address a men's meeting in the First Church, and the Rev. Dr. French, President of the County Christian Endeavor Union, will address a women's meeting in the Westminster Presbyterian Church. There will be a final series of meetings on Monday, unless it shall be deemed necessary to continue the good work.

The meetings have awakened an interest in religious matters, particularly among the young people for whose benefit they were designed. An increased membership in all the young people's societies in the churches may be looked for as a result of the meetings. The Epworth Leaguers and Endeavorers have worked in harmony together, and will mutually share the spiritual profits.

A pleasing feature of the meetings was the large corps of young men in attendance as ushers. The detail arrangements for the meetings were well carried out. The choir was faithful in attendance. Mrs. Ballantine presided at the organ at all the meetings.

Mysterious Strangers.

The police were on the alert Wednesday night. They received mysterious hints that robbery was contemplated in the town. Four strangers, whose actions had aroused suspicion, were in town during the early part of the week. They made particular inquiry about the Bloomfield National Bank, and about the telegraphic facilities of the town, and wanted to know if it was possible to send a telegraphic dispatch from town after midnight. They were around long after midnight for several nights, and made their headquarters around the depot. Station Agent Van Tassel reported the matter to the police on Wednesday, and Chief Powers gave orders to arrest any man prowling around the station after the last train went by. The police kept watch but no arrests were made. It is said that the men are detectives, and at work on a case. The police scout such an idea and say that any professional detective coming into town on a case would make known his presence at police headquarters, even if he did not divulge his business. The strangers will be taken into custody if they are caught prowling around after midnight.

Midnight Politics.

About three hours after midnight on Wednesday night policeman James Foster was on duty on Bloomfield Avenue, near Conger Street busily engaged in preserving order among the half inebriated people who were wending their way home from the sporting exhibition at Metz's Hall, when a figure muffled in a great overcoat glided toward the policeman and before the latter had recovered from his astonishment a voice from some where in the overcoat sang out "Well what is the Political Situation?" The officer at once recognized the voice as that of candidate Max Koehler and then the coat parted and Mr. Koehler himself appeared. He was on his way home after a busy night's canvassing. He entertained the officer with a detailed account of the municipal reforms he intended to introduce and said his prospects for the nomination were growing brighter daily.

Read Shoenthal's advertisement this week, and see his bargains in footwear at 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co. at Park Place, N. Y.

Property Valuations.

A. B. C. Salmon, sitting as Supreme Court Commissioner in the Chancery Chambers, continued the taking of testimony in the matter of the protest of the township of East Orange against the valuations affixed by the Board of County Assessors on the property in that section. Protests were made by East Orange and Montclair. In the absence of County Counsel Frederick W. Stevens, the board was represented by Joseph Coult, while J. Frank Fort and Alfred Skinner looked after the interests of the township. President Owen F. Conlen, of the Newark Tax Board, who was chairman of the County Assessors, was called to the stand. In reply to questions the witness reviewed the work of the Committee on Equalization of County Taxes, and told how Charles B. Morris, of Montclair, and George De Lisle Zimmerman, of East Orange, were added to that committee on July 24 last.

Mr. Morris, he said, had accompanied the committee on a tour of inspection of Newark properties and had visited the office of the board and obtained valuations of certain properties of which he had lists. Mr. Coult asked the witness what parts of the city the committee visited while Mr. Morris was in the company. Mr. Conlen said that the committee had called Mr. Morris's attention to several prominent buildings on Broad Street, citing a number of sales, and comparing them with the figures of the valuation of 1893. The tour was extended to the factory districts, and Mr. Conlen said that Mr. Morris expressed himself satisfied with the result. There were no exceptions taken to the report by any of the members of the committee except Mr. Morris and Mr. Zimmerman, and neither of these objected until the meeting of the board when the report was submitted. The witness described the methods by which the board arrived at its conclusions in regard to the valuations, and pronounced the work of the last Committee on Equalization the most thorough that had ever been done in Essex County. He said that the valuations were perfectly fair and just.

The County Clerk Explains.

County Clerk Dr. Wrightson was in town on Tuesday and was in an indignant frame of mind over published accounts of a muddled state of saloon-licensing accounts between the County Clerk's office and the township. Dr. Wrightson said that the accounts published were very erroneous, and that the committee who looked into the books at the court-house had called on him for he could have set the matter straight for them in a very few moments. Dr. Wrightson said that there were thirty-two places licensed in this town; the license fee for twenty-nine of them had been paid over to the township and that the money for the other three was in the hands of the county clerk and amounted to \$450.

Mrs. Margaret Maginley transferred her license to Robert P. Foster, and this had apparently been counted as two additional saloons. The blundering publications did great injustice to the county clerk, who is a very efficient and conscientious official, and commands the respect and esteem of all who have had occasion to transact business at the County Clerk's office.

The Post-office.

The visit of a post-office inspector to this town on Tuesday caused a great stir among the parties interested in the contest that has been going on over the postmastership. All sorts of wild rumors were afloat as the result of the inspector's visit. One was that Mr. Tower's commission would be revoked on account of the insufficient surety of his bond. Another was that Mr. Tower had been forbidden by the inspector to take possession of the office before March 1. Mr. Tower himself says that he had a talk with the inspector, and that official advised him not to enter upon his duties before the first of March, as it would greatly facilitate his keeping of the accounts. The inspector informed Mr. Tower that he would report him as ready to assume charge on March first. It is rather singular that the opponents of Mr. Tower should still keep up the fight when the matter seems to be definitely settled against them.

Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hill of Glen Ridge celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding day on Monday night at their home on Midland Avenue. There was a large attendance of guests, and Mr. and Mrs. Hill were the recipients of a large number of presents. Dancing was enjoyed and a supper was served.

Broken Water-Mains.

A letter from the Orange Water Company is a common thing with the Township Committee now. These letters complain of broken water-mains on Franklin Street. The water company has been put to a great deal of expense by these frequent breaks, and no doubt will bring in a bill of damages against some one.

His Hour of Triumph.

Residents of this town contemplate with a good deal of satisfaction the fact that the present East Orange sewerage system is to be abandoned, and that the disposal works nuisance will be done away with. At the meeting of the East Orange Township Committee at which the contract for the sewer was awarded there was a large attendance of citizens who expressed their views on the subject, and the opinion was nearly unanimous that the outlet plan should be adopted. Arguments were advanced why the present system should be abandoned. Principal among these was the fact that Bloomfield was opposed to the system on account of the nuisance inflicted on that town.

Joseph L. Munn, a well-known lawyer, laid stress on that point. The vigorous attack made on the system by this town last summer doubtless brought East Orange to a realization of the desperate situation that would inevitably confront the town. Of course every person connected with preparing and conducting the fight against the nuisance is deserving of credit, and some of them have come in for a large share of it, and have overshadowed others who perhaps were just as important factors in the work.

Among those who did a great deal of work in a quiet way, and who collected much of the evidence, was Inspector W. B. Corby of the Health Board. One of the first things that attracted the attention of Mr. Corby when he became connected with the Health Board was the disposal works and the nuisance arising from it, and he kept up a persistent fight against them. The removal of the disposal works will be a crowning achievement in Mr. Corby's administration of the sanitary affairs of this town.

The Township Will Pay.

Messrs. Johnson & Pileh, attorneys for Philip Bickler, and the Darwin estate in the matter of the extension of Thomas Street, notified the Township Committee that the proposed suits against the township have been discontinued. The attorneys state as a reason for this action that they understood that the Township Committee intends paying the award.

The Clerk was directed to notify the attorneys that such was the case.

The amount involved is \$600.

The Thomas Street extension was laid out over a year ago by surveyors of highways, and ten cents damage was awarded to Philip Bickler and Darwin. The award was refused by both parties and an appeal taken to the Board of Freeholders, who increased the award from ten cents to three hundred dollars, and furthermore made the whole amount chargeable to the township. A demand was made on the Committee for the money and that body refused to pay.

The Committee has come to the conclusion that there is no way out of it and the bill will have to be paid.

The Committee will state the case to the citizens at the annual town meeting and ask for an appropriation for the purpose.

Depot Loungers.

Complaints are frequently made about the loungers who infest the Glenwood Avenue depot. The way they deal with such a matter in Summit is deserving of attention. A number of boys and young men have been accustomed during the cold weather of the past few months to assemble in the waiting-room at the railroad station at Summit in the evening, and have been allowed to enjoy undisturbed the slight pleasure derived from occupying that warm, comfortable room. Last Saturday night, while several of the boys were skylarking in the room, a bench was accidentally overturned and the stove broken. On Monday Freight Agent Jones obtained the names of all the persons in the room when the accident occurred. He summoned Detective Hansen and they both visited Justice Kelley and procured warrants for the arrest of each one, fourteen in all.

Drove in the Sewer.

On Saturday night Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powelson and Mrs. William Harrison of Nutley went on a sleigh-ride. Their course was through this town, and here they raced with another sleighing party.

Powelson, who was driving, lost control of the horse, and the animal ran into an excavation made for the Orange sewer. The occupants were thrown out of the sleigh, and Mrs. Powelson was badly cut about the head, and the other members of the party were badly bruised.

They were assisted into the sleigh, and on the way home the horse bolted again, and again were the occupants thrown out, landing in a snowbank on the side of the road. The horse did not stop, but dashed away to its stable. The members of the party then walked to their homes, a distance of about two miles.

A pair of 50 cent Rubbers is given to every purchaser of Ladies' \$2.00 shoes at Shoenthal's, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.

Want Electric Lights.

Paul Wilcox, in the interest of a number of Montclair citizens who wish electric lights introduced in Montclair, appeared before the Montclair Township Committee on Monday night and made known the desire of those he represented. Mr. Wilcox said that C. F. Droste, M. Pierce, W. E. Marcus, J. A. Ryan, C. D. Backus, Thomas Jefferson, A. D. Noyes, and Percy Graham would, should the township be lighted by electricity, have the lights placed in their dwellings.

Mr. Wilcox also represented the company that proposes to light the township. He explained the advantages of electricity for lighting purposes and requested that should a franchise be given, the promoters be allowed to use the fire-alarm poles for their wires. They would keep them in good condition. Mr. Wilcox asked to have a sub-committee of the Township Committee appointed to meet the company. I Seymour Crane, one of the committeemen, said that Mr. Wilcox's proposition was worth considering. Mr. Wilcox said that the franchise should be for twenty-five years, but at the expiration of a stated period the plant could be turned over to the township. Operations could be begun in about five months after the franchise is granted, Mr. Wilcox said. The matter was referred to the Street Lighting Committee.

A Threatened Danger.

Engineer Cady has called the attention of the Township Committee to a dangerous state of affairs on Franklin Street and Washington Avenue where the Montclair outlet sewer is being tunneled. The excavation is being made through sand, which falls away from the top of the tunnel. It is impossible to properly refill over the top of the pipes, and so there is bound to be a vacancy between the top of the sewer and the crust of macadam that forms the surface of the roadway. This top crust is bound to sink at some future time and perhaps cause some damage. The committee will take the matter under consideration and see what steps can be taken to compel the contractors to make the street safe.

Counsel Badgley's Opinion.

Town Committeeman Baker of Montclair, informed the Montclair Township Committee on Monday that the Essex County Road Board would soon give a hearing to the citizens on the request of the Consolidated Traction Company for a franchise. He thought that Montclair should be represented.

The question as to whether the Road Board can grant franchises without the townships' consent was discussed. Town Counsel Badgley said that the railroad company must get the consent of the Township Committee and the County Board, and that abutting property-owners have no rights in the matter, according to recent legislation.

A Birthday Surprise.

A pleasant birthday surprise party was tendered Samuel W. Harvey at his home on Henry Street Friday evening, the 16th inst. The guests had a very pleasant time. Professor Frank furnished music for dancing. Mr. Harvey was the recipient of many presents. Among the guests were: Charles Biermiller and Miss Eliza Cook of Newark; Miss Florence Farrington, Miss Edith Spencer, Miss May Harvey, Miss Sadie Harvey, Miss Agnes Club, Mrs. M. Akers, and Howard and William Freeman of this town; Walter Bartlett of Rosville, and Charles and Fred Bailey of New York.

Mail Service.

A correspondent desires that Postmaster Tower direct his attention towards an improvement of the mail service between this town and Newark, so that a letter posted here between one and two o'clock in the afternoon can be delivered in Newark as early as half-past four in the afternoon. The service between this town and Newark has never been entirely satisfactory, and it is probably beyond the power of the local Postmaster to remedy it.

Entertainment and Supper.

An entertainment and supper for the benefit of the building fund of the Watessing M. E. Church was held at the residence of Mrs. Andrew Wickham, No. 19 Watessing Avenue, on Thursday evening, and was a very successful affair. It was under the auspices of the Sunday-school classes of Mrs. Robert Hall and Mrs. C. C. Winans.

A Merry Future.

Members of the Cycling Association are arranging for a season of merriment as soon as Lent closes. A musicale, a smoker, and a ball in Glen Ridge Hall are events that will follow one another in rapid succession.

Great Removal Sale Offer.

At Harris Bros. commencing Monday, Feb. 26. Twenty-five cents on the dollar allowed on every purchase to the amount of one dollar and upwards.—Advt.

WHERE IS THE MONEY?

SALOON LICENSES APPARENTLY NOT ALL PAID.

The Township Committee Will Investigate the Matter - The Money is Needed for the Poor Fund - The Matter Placed in the Hands of the Police Committee.

Committeeman Fisher of the Poor Committee announced at the Township Committee meeting on Monday that the poor fund was exhausted. The poor fund is derived from saloon license fees, and this announcement led to a prolonged discussion of the license question. Statements made by Committeeman Powers made it appear that the township had not received from the county officials all license money that was due the township. There are thirty-four places in this town that sell liquors, and the license fees from these amount to \$5,100. Only about \$4,000 has been received yet all the places are carrying on the business of selling liquors. A policeman was sent around to look at the license documents in certain places, and found them all of recent date and duly signed. An examination of the records in the County Clerk's office shows that less than thirty places in this town have paid the license fee. The mystery is, how did the proprietors of the places not on record get their licenses? This is the feature of the affair that the Committee will investigate, and a special officer will be engaged by the Police Committee to visit every licensed place in the town and make a memorandum of the date of issue of the license and the signatures. This list will be presented to the County Clerk and a demand made for the money. If the County Clerk has issued licenses on credit, he is personally responsible to the township for the fee. The pressing need for money will also result in a ferreting out of places in the township that are selling without a license. An impression prevails that there are such places.

The Township Committee passed the sewer ordinance relating to house connections with the sewer.

Mr. Hazeltine of Douglas Road addressed the committee on the subject of a lateral sewer on that street. Mr. Hazeltine pictured a deplorable state of affairs in the neighborhood of the committee. He said that the sewer was taken as far as possible to accommodate the people there. It was not likely that the outlet sewer would be ready until the middle of summer or in the fall, and there was ample time for preliminary steps for the construction of lateral sewers.

A request from Committeeman Powers for an improvement to the sidewalk on the west side of Linden Avenue, between Thomas Street and Ashland Avenue, was the subject of a long discussion. The committee were disposed to grant the request, but the obstacle in the way was the lack of funds. No appropriation was made in that district last year for sidewalk-grading purposes, and the balance from the previous year is all expended. The matter was referred to the Sidewalk Committee.

Mr. Stout requested that the Police Committee take some action towards securing an unobstructed passageway for vehicles on Glenwood Avenue, between the Centre and the depot. He said the obstruction of the street was due to the manner in which wagons were stopped in front of business houses on the street. If those who had occasion to stop in front of the stores would turn their horses parallel with the sidewalk, instead of having both horse and wagon at right angles to it, there would be a passage way left between the car-track and the curb that would permit the passage of vehicles without the necessity of crossing and recrossing the car-track to escape collision with the protruding heads of horses. The Police Committee wanted an ordinance in order that they might enforce a rule to that effect. Mr. Stout was of the opinion that a simple request would be heeded by the business men along the street.

A Coasting Accident.

A coasting accident occurred on Clark Street last Saturday evening. A party of boys were enjoying bob-sledding on that street. The boy who was steering lost control of the bob and it collided with the stone-work of the railroad bridge. Several of the party were injured by the collision and one of them had his leg broken.

A Good Use for It.

It is rumored that upon the completion of the East Orange outlet sewer the disposal works building will be used as a power-house for an electric-light plant. If such turns out to be a fact, it will be very gratifying to the police of this town and also of the First Ward of East Orange.

"Odd and Ends" in Ladies and Misses shoes are reduced from \$3.00 to 60 cents at Shoenthal's, 312 Glenwood Avenue.—Advt.